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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mostly steady in the West, steady to barely steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, with some feature activity present to stimulate interest. Supplies of smaller sized product were in balance to tight, however, heavier weights were at least adequate to ample. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair. Supplies were fully adequate to ample on breast, wings and tenders. Dark meat items were adequate to fully sufficient for needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable to heavy weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .50 to 75.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 68.25 cents last year on October 29, 2003.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	177.00
BREASTS - B/S	154.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	80.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	74.50
LEG QUARTERS	31.50
WINGS	99.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was at best steady. Demand was generally slow to fair with trading limited. Supplies were fully sufficient to handle trade requirements. In the parts structure, breast items were at least adequate to readily available. Wings and tenders were in the longest balance. Dark meat was sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was very light and unaggressive. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to fully adequate for the limited buyer interest. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate to ample. Wings and tenderloins were readily available and slow to clear. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient.

MIDWEST Whole fryer market tone was mostly steady. Offerings mixed, adequate to available on large birds and in balance to tight on smaller birds. Fill-in trading noted on 3 up wogs at 46 cents. Movement into retail and food service was light to moderate with best interest into featured items. Retail ads on whole fryers at 69 and 79 cents, roasters at 79 cents, boneless skinless breasts at \$1.79 and \$1.99, leg quarters and thighs at 99 cents, and family pack wings at \$1.37. Floor stocks adequate to ample; weights mostly desirable. Supplies of all parts were fully adequate to ample. The market tone was steady on leg items, about steady on bone-in breasts, and barely steady to weak on wings and boneless skinless breasts.

WESTERN The market tone was barely steady overall. Offerings were adequate to ample. Heavy weights remained in the longest position. Buying activity, although only fair, was as anticipated for this time of year. Retailer demand was moderate, best to cover features. Floor stocks adequate. Trade sentiment about steady on parts.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 10/23/04	2004	2003	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	193,964	190,088	+02
CHICKS PLACED	164,662	159,007	+04

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 194 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 23, 2004. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

CHICKS PLACED UP 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 23, 2004. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through October 23, 2004 were 7.38 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 04-Dec-04 is estimated at 151.4 million head. This compares to 149.7 million head the previous week and to 150.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 156.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 65.37 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	728	108.00-185.00	110-115	116.24	BREAST - B/S	705	105.00-185.00	110-120	118.30
TENDERLOINS	307	100.00-195.00	100-105	105.34	TENDERLOINS	223	95.00-195.00	95-100	102.67
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	72.00-94.00	75-78	77.57	BREAST - LINE RUN	115	73.00-94.00	75-78	76.66
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	73	27.00-50.00	29-30	31.23	LEGS	81	27.00-50.00	28-29	28.53
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	551	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.37	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	509	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.54
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,178	25.00-32.00	26-28	27.51	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	993	24.00-32.00	26-28	27.62
WINGS (WHOLE)	306	90.00-109.00	92-94	95.45	WINGS (WHOLE)	345	80.00-89.00	85-87	86.39
WINGS (CUT)	460	106.00-112.00	108-111	109.35	WINGS (CUT)	662	100.00-110.00	100-104	103.48
DRUMSTICKS	54	29.00-59.00	-	35.44	DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	90	67.00-85.00	-	72.73	B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR					F.O.B. DOCK.				
RANGE					RANGE				
37.00 - 43.50					36.50-43.00				
TODAY'S AVERAGE					TODAY'S AVERAGE				
39.94					38.94				
					5-DAY AVERAGE				
					41.46				

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was noted as light and unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts and tenderloins were readily available at discounted levels, bone-in breast were fully adequate. Dark meat items were at least adequate. Wings were ample and slow to clear. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was weak on wings and tenderloins, barely steady to weak on breast items, about steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT

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CURRENT NEG				WTD	CURRENT NEG				WTD
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	130-135	123.69	860,815		BREAST - B/S	130	131.07	629,086	
TENDERLOINS	105-110	110.96	285,740		TENDERLOINS	105-110	111.91	108,490	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	83.08	112,200		BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	80.61	112,760	
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	75.94	103,920		BREAST - LINE RUN	77	75.54	122,600	
LEGS	42-43	37.17	203,400		LEGS	42-43	32.61	300,962	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	30.53	593,760		LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	30.12	248,279	
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	31.18	158,510		DRUMSTICKS	29-30	37.59	107,960	
THIGHS	24-25	35.87	67,000		THIGHS	24-25	35.89	85,080	
B/S THIGHS	75-76	69.72	96,780		B/S THIGHS	75-76	70.85	78,040	
WINGS (WHOLE)	92-93	100.79	135,880		WINGS (WHOLE)	88-89	101.20	144,640	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.05	31,920		BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.44	41,280	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.43	19,920		LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.54	13,960	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.83	53,280		GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	65.47	20,400	

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	WTS	WTS	WTS	WTS
	10/27	10/26	10/25	10/22	10/25	10/22	10/20	10/18
Alabama	4,023	4,049	4,059	4,476	5.30	5.15	4,037	5.38
Arkansas	5,294	5,518	5,504	5,760	5.22	4.88	5,410	5.28
Delmarva	2,274	2,254	2,228	2,186	5.74	5.65	2,248	5.78
KY-LA-TN	2,079	2,115	2,103	2,223	5.14	4.83	2,069	5.25
Mississippi	3,103	3,054	3,017	3,261	5.62	5.39	3,064	5.61
North Car	2,528	2,515	2,509	2,593	6.49	6.35	2,505	6.45
Texas	2,485	2,490	2,519	2,488	5.22	4.95	2,590	5.23
Total	21,786	21,995	21,939	22,987	5.48	5.25	21,923	5.52
Mon-Wed	65,905(A)						65,552(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Oct-04 is estimated to be 32,594,000 head down 0.92 percent from a week ago and up 3.22 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,898,000, last year 31,576,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP		107
HENS UNDER 5#		-
HENS OVER 5#		67-69
DUCKS		-
RABBITS-WHOLE		-
RABBITS-CUT UP		-
SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY		
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105-106
	DRY PACK	110
ROASTERS 4# & UP*	ICE PACK	108-111
	DRY PACK	111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91-93
	DRY PACK	93-95
DUCKS		175-188

*10/20/04 ROASTERS 4# & UP*ICE PACK Should have read 108-111

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Oct-04

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/30/04 (1)	10/23/04
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	167,101 (2)	168,254
Light hens	1,209	1,449
Heavy hens	1,511	1,490
Total	169,821	171,193

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 30-Oct-04 is 163.4 million head compared to 159.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 167.4 million head or 4.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 06-Nov-04 the estimated available is 162.0 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
 (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 10/25/04	146,815	63,174
AM 10/01/04	182,984	58,076
CHG	-36,169	5,098
PCT CHG	-20	9

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/25/04	10/18/04	10/27/03	10/25/04	10/18/04	10/27/03
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	12,403	14,889	15,195	6,145	5,805	3,476
ANGELES	113	353	429	3,327	3,367	1,871

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2004

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	70-72
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	72-81

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**FOR 10/26/04**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.50	.55	.52	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	7.25	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.75	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	7.25	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	10.50	-
DUCKS lb.	1.15	1.20	1.18	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.20	1.00	.93	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.25	4.25
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS 43						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending October 22, 2004

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	70.30	111.21	71.49	11.92	7.94	47.66
High	71.49	127.10	79.44	23.83	9.93	47.66
Mostly	70.70	119.16	75.47	19.86	9.93	47.66

SAN JUAN

Low	69.91	115.18	71.49	11.92	7.94	47.66
High	72.29	127.10	83.41	23.83	13.90	47.66
Mostly	69.91	123.13	77.45	15.89	11.92	47.66

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	69.91	115.18	75.47	11.92	7.94	49.25
High	71.10	127.10	83.41	23.83	11.92	49.25
Mostly	70.70	123.13	75.47	19.86	9.93	49.25

BECERRA

Low	70.70	123.13	75.47	15.89	9.93	49.25
High	72.29	131.07	87.38	23.83	13.90	49.25
Mostly	71.49	123.13	83.41	21.85	11.92	49.25

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds continued disappointingly slow. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample and buyer interest was generally noted as very limited. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 62 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was steady at best. In the parts complex, supplies were more than sufficient for current inquiry. Wings were often noted as most readily available, and spot sales were at highly competitive price levels.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	61-82
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	66.71
NO. OF BOXES	7,760

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